

PARENTS FLAG/EDMONTON

NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER '92

SEPTEMBER NOTES

The last meeting was held on September 22. Steve and Frances reported on the PFLAG Federation Conference in Seattle. They both felt the event was extremely worthwhile and provided opportunities to learn about and discuss many topics. Saturday's keynote speaker, Pepper Schwartz, talked about the differences and commonalities between gay, lesbian and mixed relationships. Sunday's keynote speaker, Michael Shadow, spoke about the power of words. There was a great variety of workshops covering subjects such as homophobia, human rights, advocacy, teen issues and suicide. The Edmontonians attending managed to cover a number and found them very helpful. They were very enthusiastic about the conference and suggest members start thinking about attending the one in New Orleans next year!

THE NEXT MEETING

WILL BE HELD

7:30 pm, TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20, 1992

AT

(For information phone Lynne at [REDACTED])

COMING EVENTS

Oct. 5-11 AIDS Awareness Week

Oct. 3 AIDS Vigil at the U of A Hospital Chapel from 9 am-9 pm

Oct. 4 Join the PFLAG Team or sponsor a team member on the Walk for Life. The funds raised in this walk will be used for AIDS awareness education and supporting people living with HIV and AIDS. Phone Cindy at [REDACTED] for information.

Oct. 7 Los Altos Story at 7:30 pm at McDougal United Church, 10086 MacDonald Dr. (opposite the old Chateau Lacombe Hotel). This is a film about a family in a small town dealing with a son with AIDS. There will be a discussion following the film. PFLAG member Suzanne Cowles is involved with this evening.

Oct. 20 Regular meeting. There will be a guest speaker from the AIDS Network followed by our usual discussion groups.

PFLAG FEDERATION ISSUES NEW MISSION STATEMENT

The PFLAG Federation purpose is to provide support, to educate and to advocate for the human and civil rights of gay, lesbian, and bisexual people. At the Conference a new mission statement was issued which the Federation believes reflects the purpose of the organization better.

Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays promotes the health and well-being of gay, lesbian, and bisexual persons, their families, and friends through:

- support, to cope with an adverse society;
- education to enlighten an ill-informed public;
- advocacy, to end discrimination and secure equal civil rights.

Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays provide opportunities for dialogue about sexual orientation, and acts to create a society that is healthy, and is respectful of human beings.

MORE LETTERS TO WRITE

This month you are encouraged to write to Linda Gottlieb, the Executive Producer of the day-time soap opera "One Life to Live". This program has just completed a very positive storyline centred around a gay character and the AIDS Memorial Quilt. She can be reached through:

ABC Entertainment
2040 Avenue of the Stars
Los Angeles, CA 90027

Also on September 23, the movie "Doing Time On Maple Drive" was shown on ITV. You can let the station know you appreciate their showing this realistic portrayal of the difficulty many young people have when they realize they are gay. ITV's mailing address is:

ITV
5325 Allard Way
Edmonton, AB T6H 5B8

PNW REGIONAL HOSPITALITY LIST SUGGESTED

Regional Director Candace Steele has suggested we keep a list of those who would be willing to host PLAGers who are visiting their area. If you are interested, write to Candace Steele,

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A NEW YEAR BEGINS

October marks the beginning of a new PFLAG year. Please use the enclosed form to send in your dues.